

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 were previously pending in the application. By this Amendment, Claims 11-19 and 21-30 are currently amended and Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice.

The claims stand rejected under the cited prior art of record. Specifically, Claims 11-13, 15, 17, 20-23, 25, and 30 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent No. 19633975 (Becke). Claims 11, 14-19, 21, 24, and 26-29 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,735,470 (Falk).

Independent Claim 11 recites, among other things, “a frame including at least two elongated arms located at a fixed distance from one another forming an intermediate space therebetween, said arms each having one end connected to a common anchoring portion mounted to an inner side of a door of the refrigeration device.”

Becke discloses a thermally insulated door 10 and a height adjustable carrying frame 20. The carrying frame 20 includes two parallel sections 27 connected to two parallel sections 26 forming a rectangle. Parallel sections 27 include structure for mounting the carrying frame 20 to the door 10. Storage structures 30 removably attach to the carrying frame 20. *Becke*, English Abstract, Fig. 1.

The parallel sections 27 independently mount to the door 10 and are not connected to “a common anchoring portion mounted to an inner side of a door,” as required by amended Claim 11.

Falk discloses a combination slidable food storage assembly 30 disposed beneath a shelf assembly 20 including a shelf 21 and pair of brackets 22 separated by a pair of transverse bars 36. The brackets 22 are suspended from vertically extending apertured support bars 24 mounted on a rear wall 26 of a food storage compartment 14. The storage assembly 30 includes a frame 40 and a plurality of containers 41. “The frame 40

includes spaced parallel side wall portions 48 and interconnecting rear and front wall portions 50 and 52 respectively.” The frame 40 is slidably supported on the brackets 22. *Falk*, col. 2, line 26 to col. 3, line 7; Fig. 4.

Similar to Becke, the brackets 22 of Falk mount independently to a compartment 14 (via support bars 24), and, therefore, are not connected to “a common anchoring portion mounted to an inner side of a door,” as required by amended Claim 11.

Accordingly, independent Claim 11 is allowable. Claims 12-19 depend from Claim 11 and are allowable for the same reasons, and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

Independent Claim 21 recites, among other things, “a body having an interior refrigerating compartment; said compartment including at least one wall and at least two fixing spigots mounted thereon; a storage compartment mountable on said fixing spigots; said storage compartment including a frame having at least two elongated arms located at a fixed distance from one another forming an intermediate space therebetween, said arms each having one end connected to a common anchoring portion configured to mount on the fixing spigots.”

As set forth above with respect to Claim 11, neither Becke nor Falk disclose “arms each having one end connected to a common anchoring portion,” as required by amended Claim 21. Accordingly, independent Claim 21 is allowable. Claims 22-30 depend from Claim 21 and are allowable for the same reasons, and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 11-19 and 21-30 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,

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